

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SJR 1

January 26, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Proposes amending Article VI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Tennessee to require any Supreme Court nomination for the office of Attorney General and Reporter be confirmed by the members of the General Assembly. Establishes qualifications for the Office of Attorney General and Reporter.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures – Up to \$10,000/FY22-23*

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee, following passage by two successive General Assemblies, the proposed amendatory language is submitted to the people for a vote at the next general election in which a Governor is to be chosen.
- The proposed constitutional amendment language received its first General Assembly passage with Senate Joint Resolution 1 on April 18, 2019.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-5-211(b), at least five days before the beginning of early voting, the county election commission shall either publish a sample ballot in a newspaper of general circulation or mail the sample ballot to every active registered voter.
- The requirement to add this constitutional amendment to the 2022 general election ballot will increase the size of the sample ballot to be published and subsequently increase printing costs.
- Based on information provided by the Secretary of State, the total statewide mandatory increase in local government expenditures is reasonably estimated as an amount up to \$10,000 occurring in FY22-23.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Bojan" and last name "Savic" clearly distinguishable.

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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